VINITA, IND. TER., Aug. 29, 1895 THIRTEEN YEARS OLD.

With this issue THE CHIEFTAIN existence. It is with a sense of a good deal of pride that we can state to the public that the paper is It can truthfully say that it has a larger circulation than at any previous anniversary; that it has a country; that it is better able to of occupying the common or puladvertise the city of Vinita, at home and abroad, and that by as an honest, reliable newspaper.

THE CHIEFTAIN is probably in a position to realize to a greater degree than the public at large, that better town than it was a very short time ago, that it contains a great many more people than formerly, and we will add here that it is a great deal easier to print an independent newspaper here than it was a half dozen years ago. The paper has sought, and with some difficulty, to steer clear of all narrowness and to never be beholden to any man or class, however rich or influential. The man or paper that will withhold an item or comment that touches in the neighborhood of the affluent, and turns with unstayed hand upon the poorer and more defenseless classes of the community does no deserve the patronage nor respect of the community.

THE CHIEFTAIN rejoices that it unswerving tenacity to principle. There are times in the history of every town and country when right must be championed and defended and when wrong and corruption must be uncovered and exposed, place as a sentinel on the outer continually raising its cry of alarm in sight, soon will be found to be

unworthy of belief. of people, and its desire is to keep constantly in touch with this class so as to be able to stem the current of intelligent public opinion. An those of Anglo-Saxon mixture. editor must necessarily draw largely upon the good sense and judgment of those with whom he associates to get a true estimate of what a fair consensus of enlight- this land belongs to the people as ened public sentiment really is. common property, the logical con-There is a sober, conservative, clusion is that no citizen would ocsafe class of men and women in cupy more than that amount of the every community who are very properly designated as leaders, and to whom we must all look at least in a measure, for the right solu- utter exclusion of other citizens, in tion of every question, social, many instances thousands of acres. moral or political. It is to this Just what is to be done about class of people that THE CHIEFTAIN looks when it wants to give ex- delay or refusal of the national pression to honest public opinion. And there is another class in every these matters will never make country that is exactly the opposite to the one named. It is the class and the element that has to be watched and combatted continnally. Human society is a con- vital subject in an intelligent and negotiate with the Dawes commis- to the Indians, but will be expense tinual, unshated warfare between matter-of-fact manner. The time sion. The Chickasaw council incurred and borne by the Indian good and evil. There are those has arrived when this subject must meets next month. be met fairly and equarely and who would close church and school some conclusion reached that will and open gambling house and protect the people at large in their brothel. But the lines are being rights. rapidly drawn, and it is to be hoped there will eventually be no payment is to be made by check standing room between what is from Washington as pensions are eternally right and what is paid seems to be without foundaeternally wrong. There is only tion. Special Agent Dickson, who one place for the true and the good be paymaster. The proper, sale which was so close to Morton to stand, and that is upon the side and convenient place to make this that the blaze from it set his vest of unafterable opposition to evil in payment is Vinita.

Tue Monett fair occurs Septemher 0.14 and promises to be an Chief and is bringing it out of interfecting objection.

THE ALL PEPORTANT QUESTION. LAST week THE CHIEFTAIN began

he discussion of a subject that it

onsiders paramount to all

others as regards the future of the

Cherokee people, namely the, subect of land in common, monopoly and all matters relative to the common domain of the nation These matters will be dwelt on at ength during the weeks to follow and it is hoped to the edification completes its thirteenth year of of at least some who may scan its hard, and no mistake. The above columns. The foundation upon which every home in this nation is builded, in fact the base upon which the Cherokee government enjoying continued prosperity. In- itself stands, is the title to its lands. dued it can say more than that: Everybody is familiar with the system of holding land. The treat- going from the artist; take notice ies with the government guaranteeing this country to the Cherokees set forth the manner in greater influence for good among which it is to be held. And more the great army of intelligent peo- explicitly does our own constituple that read it throughout this tion fix and establish the method lic domain. The framers of our Cherokee constitution defined a bloomer' because it is simply what was to be the rule of the tribe one bifurcated dress; one garment years of patient toil and care it has in the beginning. And therefore come to be regarded by the public the second section of that instrument was incorporated, namely: "The lands of the Cherokee nation shall remain common property.' Now it doesn't matter a scintilla what laws the national council may this country is advancing with have enacted with reference to the rapid strides and that especially settlement of the common domain, the town of Vinita is a great deal the fact must still remain that the land is common property and therefore belongs to the citizens in common; none have less, none greater rights than others. Now this being the constitution and therefore the highest law of the nation let us examine a little and in the cut is not sagged fore and see how it is enforced. The above quoted section is really the only pillar we have left in the whole temple to which we can turn for protection of the rising generations of Cherokees and we are glad to say does yet afford a remedy for every homeless Indian in the tribe whereby he may protect his birthright. If the lands throughout the United States were held as are

the conditions were the same, a revolution would be precipitated ties for the defeated party to get not nor could not be tolerated in a their man for chief snowed under is printed in a community that ap- civilized community. Indeed, and now they are yelling thempreciates honesty of purpose and where land is bought and paid for selves hoarse about fraud at elecand the matter of extensive land votes cast at the recent election and \$100: ownership is becoming a problem the National party got its share of and driven out. It is the province system of land-n common that just now worried so sorely over simply breeds monopaly by allow- were almost to a man for Bob \$110.

The original idea that must have so or not. Here in Vinita it was wall. But the newspaper that is prevailed when the constitution of especially so. Nobody objects to the Cherokee nation was formed. purging the rolls of every illegal was that the land should be free, vote, but when the National party when there is no danger becomes like the air, the sunshine and the talks about seating Bob Ross in the pessimistic and loses its influence, water, as the quantity of land face of Mayes' large majority, that and like the boy in the fable that available was regarded as unlimities a very different matter. The cried wolf when there was no wolf ed. The idea of free land is still National party had just as well guilty. dominate among the full-blood In- subside. If they undertake to redians, and wherever there is a set- peat what they did in 1887 they tlement of that class the system is will meet with failure and the re-THE CHIEFTAIN appreciates the practically carried out and it is sponsibility will be placed where fact that it circulates amongst a certain that if all the citizens of the it belongs. very intelligent and educated class tribe were full-bloods there would be no complaint of monopoly and the opening of the schools. From prossewould still be enough land for the "deestrick skule" to the great many generations to come for a people that are never so greedy as

We have today in the Cherokee nation in round numbers 30,000 citizens and a little less than five million acres of land, or about 160 acres per head if divided. Now if public or common domain. But under the law, and contrary to the constitution, many of our citizens are occupying and using to the these questions is the real issue that is pressing for solution. The council to take up and act upon them any less, but more complicated as the years go by. It is

THE report that the Delaware

Oun old friend James B. Damersome is now editor of the Mi



has struck Vinita and struck it very beautiful cut was made this week, and made from real life, It was made from a "enap you know-that is, it was made in a hurry with the subject moving on. The bloomer was of that fact, and the club is carried in the hand and not in the pistol pocket. It should be stated now and here that bloomer is singular in number, very singular indeed, and it would be unpardonable English to say "she wore bloomers;" you should always say, "she wore and not two, any more than a "bike" is two bicycles. Our art- selling; verdict not guilty. ist was not excited in the least, but on the contrary was "at himself" and did a good job. It can be guilty.

John Dasher, Soda Fife, Lincoln readily observed that absolutely nothing shows off the female form so well as a bloomer-those superfine touches that can never be described, but must be seen to be appreciated. There is a sensation that strikes one on first seeing a lady dressed in a bloomer that is taw beer; plea guilty; 30 days and indescribable. It can never be \$100. felt but once in this world and then only for a moment. The bloomer aft as you might think, neither is there a hintus in the region of the suspender buttons, but is complete, and how it is put on or taken off is just simply one of those feninine wonders that is nobody's business. It is now a conceded if not a scientific fact that it was a bloomer that Edgar Allen Poe saw in his drunken stupor instead of a raven when he muttered, "neither man nor woman, neither beast nor human." held the lands of this nation, and

IT is no unusual thing in poliimmediately. A system so unjust up and brush the dust from its or rather one that was open to back and cry 'raud. So in the resuch easy and flagrant abuse would cent election the Nationals got at a high price, there is often dis- tion. Now this is a proposition to satisfaction among classes that are lay down and we ask the country not so fortunate as to own land, to be judge: If there were illegal in the states. But there is certain- them. And further, the Wallace ly not one ray of apology for a negroes that the Nationals are of the newspaper to give the alarm ing those that are financially able Ross for chief. We are willing to John and Lewis Tiffy, larceny; Last Monday night a negro of approaching danger, which it to use without limit the property leave it to any fair minded man in verdict not guilty. ought to be able to discern from its in which all are equally interested. either party as to whether this is

> Now approaches the season of university, from the white wooden guilty. temple of learning at the crossroads to the ivy-covered walls and and \$200. ancient seats of Harvard and Yale, from the little log school house in the gap of the mountain where the 'three R's" are taught by the modest little school marm to the great college with its elaborate curriculum and faculty, the beginning of a school year in many instances means an epoch in the life of a boy or girl.

CAPT. A. S. McKennon, of the Dawes commission, spent Monday in Vinita. The contleman stated that his commission had been invited to a meeting of Choctaw citizens to be held at Atoka next Wednesday to consider the advisability of allotment of lands. The

expedient, that the press of the Chickasaw council the appoint-

good deal of a see saw. The side nish expense money and call on which has possession of the tele-graph is the one to win the battles abide the law. He says that a lot -in the papers.

On Sunday night last Bud Morton left town to go to his father's west of here, and when he got to the first timber he was halted by a on fire. Morton promptly returned the shot firing three times. An investigation the next morning showed that the robber was barelated and had hitched his pony.

PT. SMITH LETTER. Convictions and Sentences-Many Criminalities.

During the twenty-two years Judge parker has presided over this court he has been called upon to pass the death sentence upon a larger number of convicts than any other living judge. Friday he sentenced Thomas J. Thornton, the nurderer of his brother-in-law, to be hanged Wednesday, October 9 and reached the half way post on the second hundred. Out of the one hundred and fifty, only three have been women.

Cherokee Bill's appeal is nearly completed. It will insure him onger lease on life but the general mpression is that it will be a very short one. Mrs. Kettenring's ap peal is also nearly completed.

Buz Lucky was convicted Friday of the murder of Deputy Marshal Newt Leforce. Lucky was in both the Blackstone and Correta train robberies and Leforce was a member of the party endeavoring to ar rest the big mulatto.

The next case taken up will be the Bob Brown murder case. Brown is a big negro and fired into the crowd at a horse race near Vian and killed a white boy. John Glover, assault; verdict not

Tom Williams, introducing Gus Black, larceny; mistrial.

Postoak and Sam Brinnon, robbery; continued to November term. Ab Williams, violating inter-course law; plea guilty; 60 days

Robert Lewis, assault; verdict

and \$200. Albert Cooper, selling; plea guiity; 30 days and \$100. Robert Heathcote, making Choc

Abe McKinsey, murder; plea not guilty and continued to Nov.

Rufus Buck, Lucky Davis, Maoma July and Sam Sampson, rape; plea not guilty and set for Sept. 2. Jno. Summers, assault; ignored. Bud Bedford, violating interurse law; ignored.

ntercourse law; ignored. Albert Vaughn, larceny; ignored. Marion Bohanon. assault; ig-

James Cermurphy, assault; igo Nov.

arceny; continued to Nov. 9.

Tom Wolf, assault; continued to

to Nov. 11. George Sabo, violating intercourse law; continued to Nov. 8. Walter Smith, assault; plea

guilty; 2 years.
Alfred Eubanks, violating intercourse law; plea guilty; 30 days Joe Blossom, violating inter-denied by the authorities.—Regis-course law; plea guilty; 30 days

Wm. Moore, violating intercourse law; plea guilty; sentence

Jacob Hummingbird, violating intercourse law; plea guilty; 30

days and \$100. Peter Hall, violating intercourse what money he had, ten cents, and law; verdict not guilty. Jim Parker, violating inter-

course law; verdict not guilty. not guilty. Steve Fist, assault; verdict not

Shurd Dave, larceny; verdict guilty; 3 years. George Yancey, same, 2 years.

Jesse Bruce, same, 4 years. Wesley Hamm, same, 3 years. Bud Perry, assault; verdict guilty, 2 years, Jos Walker, larceny; nolle

G. S. Ford, assault; verdict not Wm. Grant, violating inter-course law; plea guilty; 60 days

Hy Bruner, introducing and selling; verdict guilty of selling; 30 days and \$100. Seigel Rogers, murder; continued

Crawford Goldsby, alias Cherekee Bill, murder; petition for writ

of error filed. Mary A. Kettenring, et al. murder; same.

Wiley Wearlasky, assault; Albert West, same.

Leslie Davis, larceny; ignored.

Dave Ross, assault; on trial.

In the past when the Indian naions have urged the removal of intruders the Indian agent has frequently been without funds to undertake the work. Some of the nations have appropriated money other members of the commission to aid in their removal, but the Inwill return to the territory next disn agent has not been privileged to use it. So it has done no good. Agent Wisdom advises us that the WE understand that Gov. Mosley interior department has authoreminently proper, indeed it is has decided to recommend to the ized him to use the appropriations of the Indian councils for this purcountry take up and discuss this ment of a commission to meet and be refunded by the United States pations, without the advice of the THE Spanish-Cuban war is a says that when the Indians furof the intruders out to be put out,

> Old people by crequire medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in electric bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whisky nor other intoricant, but acts as a tonic and all terative. It acts mildly on the atomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby siding nature in the performance of the functious. electric billers is an excellent appetiture and aids direction. Old people find it, just exactly, what Old People.

anyhow.-Phoenix.

Spavinaw Notes.

-There is no sinkness reported in this lo

Saptember, J. A. Wiles Chacher -Sam Zeno has returned from the Chocta

-Rubs Jeases has returned home from Carolina where he visited his parents. -Mai Miller has gone over the river -J. B. Edwards threshed over 1000 t of wheat on his farm on Lynch's prairie

-The Spavings mill, under the appervial -A good rain fell in this locatity Sunday putting the ground in good shape for plowing

-Dr. Stephens, of Echo, has located at Spay -Dr. I. J. Howard is moving a small house from Spavings to his farm on Lynch's prairie. -Jost Ward, of Pryor Creek, atopped Sun-day to see his slawer, Mrs. Bumgarner, on his way home from Southwest City.

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Jim Cook, with eight years for manslaughter, is authority for a roster of the Tahlequah jail, as follows: Robert Tatton, centenced to hang; Ball Christa, sentenced to hang; Frog Davis, sentenced to hang; Chute Starr, 5 years; James McCoy, 7 years; Thomas Sanders, 4 years; Wm. Daugherty, 3 years; James Peacock, 7 years; Peter James, 3 years; William Young, 5 years; James Rat 5 years; Sam Squirrel, 9 years; Sam Lacy, 7 years; John Mackey, 5 years; Dennis Bean, 6 years; Stephen Haytt, 3 years; Eli Levi, 1 year; John Sheriff, 1 year; Clem Yorter, 10 years; George Smith, 1 year; Wil-Sarah Ann Davis, violating liam Chuey, murder, waiting for trial; Jack Paris, waiting for trial.

The time is near at band when claimants to Cherokee citizenship will have to "face the music"that is, show up or get out. Those who have good and genuine proof Gabe Warner, assault; continued of Cherokee blood or descent that will stand the test before any impartial tribunal, are all right, and those who have not are all wrong. Robert Selby and Charles Parker, Dubious, weak nor trumped up 'proof' will not do, neither will Ed Hoskins, larceny; continued that kind furnished by standing witnesses though they are Cherokees. None but the genine proof will stand the test. Those know they are of Cherokee blood can prove it, and those who do not know this had not better try to prove it. Those who have Cherokee blood have rights here, even if

The Vinita Real Estate Agency have some very desirable residence lots for sale. If you contemplate building a Willam Taylor, introducing and home in this city it will pay you to see selling; plea guilty; 40 days and them.

laborer on one of the brick yards near this place was met by a crowd of lads and held up in true highwaymen style and relieved of an old pair of pants. After doing the negro they went on up the road Grant Flowers, larceny; verdict up also, and robbed him of tour dollars in cash and told him to go, as they had got all of him they wanted-he went too. Some of the men who did the robbing were masked and others had their faces blacked, but the victims say they knew all of them and warrants were issued for Thomas Foreman, Henry Ballard, Campbell Finley and Walter Spears, (Terrel), and all have been arrested by deputy marshal George Conden, who we learn will take them to Fort Smith for trial .- Advocate. Q

> When the class in geography was called up, it was noticed that one of the boys. Frank by name-and rather dull by nature-was looking uncom-

monly well pleased with himself. "Well, Frank," said the teacher, "do you know your lesson to-day?"
"Yes, ma'am," he auswered. "The
answer to the first question is 'South,'
and the next is 'Africa,' and the next

is 'South America,' and the next is 'Pe-ninsula.' " "But, Frank, that isn't the way learn a leason. You must skip about. That's the way I shall do in asking the

Frank's countenance fell. His great discovery was of no use.
"But, Miss Gray," he said, "I might not skip round the same way you do." -Youth's Companion.

In the United States court in the Indian Territory, acting in and for the northern district.

Rosa Stuart, plaintiff

vs.

Tim Stuart, defendant.

The defendant Tim Stuart is warned to appear in this court within thirty days and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, Resa Stuart.

Jan. A. Wineton, Clerk.

By J. C. Anderson, Deputy.

Denison, Manny & Liddy.

Attorneys for plaintiff. 51-2

Right Wrong

> This is the title of the case now on trial in Vinita.

The Chieftain ... Is Plaintiff ... If we can't win on this

proposition we don't want to succeed. It is Believed

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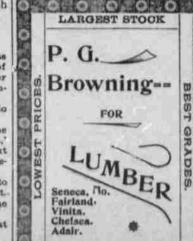
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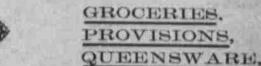
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